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ON the Instances of Mr. Stanhope the British Minister here, the King of Spain has consented to the renewing of Commerce between Barbary and Gibraltar, for Corn, Wax, and Copper, which this Court had for some time entirely prohibited, upon a Rumour (since found to be groundless) of the Plague's being in Barbary. Letters from Cadiz of the 13th Instant advise, that the Flota sailed from thence the 9th for New Spain, under the Command of Commodore Serrano; and that the Duties collected for the King upon the Goods laden on this Flota, amount to the Sum of 100,000 Pistoles, which is reckoned here to be very considerable, and proves the Cargo to be larger than it was apprehended it would be. The Marquess de Lede and his Lady are arrived here from Paris: They came by Balsain, where they had Admittance to their Catholick Majesties, but staid there only one Day. Last Week the Marquess Balbi, Envoy from the Republick of Genoa, set out from hence to return to Genoa by the Way of Paris: When he took his Leave of their Catholick Majesties, the King gave him his Picture set with Diamonds to the Value of 800 Pistoles. Yesterday arrived a Person from the Philippine Islands in the East Indies, whence he came in seven Months in a French Ship to Biscay, with an Account that the People of Manilla had made an Insurrection against the Spanish Governour, on Occasion of his publishing the King's Decree, forbidding on severe Penalties those People to continue their Trade to Aquapulca in America, which they had till then carried on to the Prejudice of the European Trade to the South-Sea. The 14th Instant at Night, M. Ham, Secretary of the States General at this Court, was assaulted in his House, by his own Coachman and five other Assassins: He had in his Custody the King of Spain's Picture set with Diamonds worth 1000 Pistoles, which had been delivered to him by the Marquess de Grimaldo, in order to be sent as a Present from his Catholick Majesty to M. Colster, who was Ambassadour here from the States, and returned to Holland some Months ago. The Assassins gave him two mortal Wounds with Ponyards, intending after they had dispatched him to rob the House; but they had not Time to do it, for the Servant-Maid immediately calling out to the King's Guards, who have their Quarters close by, they forced into the House, and seized the Coachman, the rest having made their Escape. On the 17th M. Ham died of his Wounds: A little Time before he expired he sent for Sig. Bresciani, Adjutant-General of the Guards, to whom he entrusted his House with every thing in it, and desired him to see his Corpse imbalmed, saying it was the Custom of the States General to send for the Bodies of their Ministers who dye Abroad. The Adjutant took that Trust upon him, had him imbalmed, and gave an Account of his Proceedings to the Marquess de Grimaldo, from whom he had Yesterday an Answer, ordering him in the King's Name, to deliver up to the Civil Magistrates M. Ham's House, his Corpse, his Papers, and all his other Effects. The Difficulties which had of late hindred the settling of the Customs in the Provinces of Biscay and Navarre are removed, and those Duties adjusted to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants of those Provinces. Orders are sent to the several Ports, for admitting Ships from any Part of France, with some Restrictions only on Shipping that shall bring Goods from Marseilles or other Places which had the Plague; such Ships and Goods being obliged to a short Quarantain with certain Precautions.

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